

News 23rd November

Today was Spelling Day at Hillcrest. It was a jam-packed day of S-P-E-L-L-I-N-G as the children visited every teacher in the school to learn different strategies (photos on the website, [here](#)). They will come home with twelve strategies to help them with their spelling both at home, and here at school.

Spelling Day has also been about the fun of learning to spell new words and the sense of achievement when you finally nail a tricky word. We would like the children to continue the spelling spirit at home so please encourage your child to use Spellodrome regularly or, if they would rather practise away from the screen, get them to use one of their twelve strategies to spell their Spellodrome words on paper.

If you have lost or forgotten your child's login details for Spellodrome, please let their class teacher or the office team know so they can remind you.

Breakfast Club - Can we remind everyone to book and pay for sessions in advance? You can do this on Gateway yourself until two days before the session. If you need to book at shorter notice just phone the office and we will book your child in. You'll then be able to go onto Gateway and pay. **It's not OK just to turn up on the morning OR for your child to attend a session you haven't paid for** (unless you use Childcare Vouchers and have an arrangement with the office).

The School Photo orders are being picked up from school by Royal Mail on Monday, between 8.30 and 4.00. We won't seal the bag till they're here to pick it up so, if you missed Friday's deadline, drop your envelope in first thing.

Christmas Dinner - After all the mix up in Tuesday's Mailbag, it turns out that Christmas Dinner has now been moved to Tuesday 18th December (so the kitchen team aren't cooking two roasts in one week). The deadline for ordering a Christmas Lunch is still 9am on Friday 7th December.

Collect your Christmas Cards - Leanne from Friends will be in the Small Hall, with all the cards etc, from **3.30pm next Wednesday, 28th November**. Drop in to pick up your order. (We don't send them with the children because things haven't always made it home in the past.)
If you have any queries speak to Leanne or drop her an email: leannemorgan80@gmail.com

Book Amnesty - Can you believe that we are missing over £1,400 worth of library books? Children have been very honest about telling Mrs Price that they have books at home. Can you have a look around the house for any school books and help your child to remember to bring them back to school? Drop them into the office, no questions asked! We'll just be glad to have them back.

Yr 6 'Sister Act' Trip - Please see the letter below for details. Children can take £1 for ice-cream.

Totterdown Front Rooms Arts Trail is THIS weekend! The small hall has been transformed into an underwater wonderland, in keeping with this year's nautical theme. We are hosting children's workshops from Happymess and Colourful Minds over the weekend (see [here](#) for details) as well as thirteen artists in the big hall. Brislington WI's Chai Stall will be serving hot drinks and delicious cakes.

Look out for Paul Dean's amazing pop art paintings in the big hall and please don't forget to pop into 22 Hawthorne Street, just round the corner, to see Juliet Fleming's pottery and Sandra Moore's paintings (and more).

Letters

[Yr 6 'Sister Act' Trip](#)

[Reception & KS1 Christmas Dinner](#)

[KS2 Christmas Dinner](#)

Community Notices

[Craft Evening at Totterdown Baptist Church](#) to raise funds for the [Wild Goose Café](#)

Look out for your next Mailbag on Tuesday.